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FOR BELL (ARA/PAN) FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BROWN/ROSENBAUM CASE

REFS: (A) PANAMA 5943 (B) STATE 216937

1. I HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIVE DISCUSSION OF EX GRATIA
PAYMENT MATTER WITH PRESIDENT FOLLOWING UP EARLIER DISCUSSION
(REPORTED REF A). HE CONTINUES TO DESIRE TO DO SOMETHING FOR
GRIEVOUSLY INJURED DR. BROWN. BUT HE CITES SAD STATE OF HIS
GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET AND SEVERE FINANCIAL PLIGHT THEY NOW SUFFERING.
HE THINKS HE MAY BE ABLE TO PUT ASIDE SOME MONEY FOR THIS PURPOSE
OVER TIME--HE SPOKE OF SETTING ASIDE ABOUT \$10,000
(TEN THOUSAND) A MONTH FOR FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS. HE REPEATED
PANAMANIAN SENSITIVITIES ABOUT ASSUMING LEGAL LIABILITY IN SUCH
CASES OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY. I NOTED THIS SENSITIVITY IS
SHARED BY MOST GOVERNMENTS, BUT THAT IN CASES OF THIS
KIND MAJORITY OF GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING OUR OWN, DID PROVIDE
COMPENSATION FOR SERIOUSLY INJURED PERSONS AND/OR FAMILIES WHEN
NATIONAL OF OUR COUNTRIES CLEARLY AT FAULT. I ALSO NOTED THAT WE
AS GENERAL PRACTICE INSIST THAT OUR PEOPLE CARRY LIABILITY
INSURANCE. PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING HE POSSIBLY COULD
TO HELP BUT WOULD RELY ON US FOR DISCREET HANDLING OF MATTER. I WILL
FOLLOW UP. I MIGHT ALSO DISCUSS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AS FOLLOWUP
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TO YOUR APPROACH TO AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ REVILLA--IF YOU DEEM

IT APPROPRIATE.

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